

The Times' Daily Short Story.

A BANKER'S PORTRAIT

(Original.)

Herbert Drury was a prominent portrait painter. He was not only an excellent artist, but an excellent man, giving much attention to the wants of the poor. This he did in connection with regularly organized charities, though he gave a great deal out of his own private purse.

One day Drury, who was chairman of a committee to solicit funds with which to finish a hospital, called at the banking house of Stockard, Clarke & Co. and asked to see Mr. Stockard, the head of the firm. Being admitted, he approached the desk of the great man meekly and asked for a subscription. After a great deal of preliminary talk Mr. Stockard sounded Mr. Drury to know if after a liberal subscription the institution would be called the Stockard hospital. Mr. Drury informed the banker that the name had already been irrevocably decided upon. It was to be St. Luke's, whereupon Mr. Stockard informed Mr. Drury that he had already expended the annual amount he had set apart for charity and begged to be excused. Mr. Drury departed, feeling that Mr. Stockard had offered to pay for an advertisement and had refused to contribute to a charity.

It was several years after this incident that a carriage drove up to Drury's studio and a gentleman bearing every evidence of prosperity alighted. He rang the studio bell and was admitted by the artist himself. Drury remembered him perfectly as Stockard, but the banker did not recognize Drury.

"I am Winslow Stockard," said the visitor in a tone intended to impress the artist with his importance, "and you, I believe, are Herbert Drury, the portrait painter. I would like you to paint my portrait."

"I am at your service, Mr. Stockard," replied Drury.

"What are your terms?"

"I will charge you \$1,000."

"That's too much," said the banker.

"I supposed that—well, a portrait of a prominent citizen, if displayed for a time to the public, and I would consent to that—should be an excellent advertisement for the artist."

"That consideration would not tempt me."

After considerable haggling the order was given and the sittings began. When the work was finished Drury sent it to Mr. Stockard. The next day it was returned, with the following note:

The portrait is unsatisfactory. It doesn't resemble me in any particular. Indeed, no one would know that it had been painted for me. However, if you will send it back with a bill for \$100, I will pay that amount and keep the picture.

It was plain that this was an at-

tempt to secure the portrait for a song. Drury paid no attention to the note. A few weeks later, after finishing the work he had in hand, he placed the portrait on his easel and changed the expression from conscious affluence to conscious penury and the apparel into rags. Then he had it framed, with "Ruined" placed beneath, and sent it to a prominent dealer for display in his window.

It was not long before Mr. Stockard's attention was called to the picture, and he wrote a note to the artist demanding its instant withdrawal. Mr. Drury replied that the picture had been much admired and was making him a reputation; therefore he declined to withdraw it.

Mr. Stockard's next move was to send his attorney to Mr. Drury to notify him that the banker was about to commence legal proceedings to have the picture removed. Mr. Drury showed the attorney Mr. Stockard's note, in which he claimed that no one would know the portrait had been painted for him. After reading this letter the lawyer remarked that he thought the matter a subject for compromise. Mr. Drury replied that if Mr. Stockard wished to compromise he would be happy to see him at his studio. The same afternoon the banker drove up in his carriage, jumped out, slammed the carriage door and strode into Drury's studio.

"What do you want for my portrait?" thundered the banker.

"You said it was not your portrait."

"What do you want for the picture?"

"Ten thousand dollars."

"That's ridiculous. Name a reasonable sum and it will be paid."

"It may seem ridiculous to you, but not to me. That picture is gaining me clients every day. It has received the highest commendation."

"I will give you what I agreed to pay you for it."

"That sum will not now be accepted."

The banker turned in a towering rage, declaring that he would spend half he was worth to find the artist in jail, and left the studio. But when he came to consult his attorney his letter stating that the portrait would not be taken for him was brought up to show that he had no case, and the attorney explained that the sympathy of every jurymen would be against him and with the artist.

"You must find some way out of this," said the banker. "It is not only mortifying, but credit is so sensitive that I fear mine will be injured. Just now—he lowered his voice—"It needs all its strength."

"I advise compromise," replied the attorney.

"Well, go and effect the best compromise you can."

The attorney went to the artist and came back with an agreement that if the banker would pay off a \$12,000 mortgage on St. Luke's hospital the picture would be withdrawn.

The terms were accepted.

CLARENCE NICHOLS FISH.

A SECRET CONFERENCE

Many Important Russian Officials at Port Arthur.

KUROPATKIN AMONG THEM.

Popularly Supposed at Newchwang That They Are Considering War Questions—Possibility of Conflict Seems to Be Increasing.

Newchwang, Manchuria, July 9.—All the prominent Russian officials in China, Manchuria and Korea are attending the conference at Port Arthur. Among them are Minister of War Kuropatkin, Admiral Alexieff, the Russian ministers at Peking and Seoul, the political agents in China and Korea, including M. Pokotloff, recently Russian financial representative at Peking; General Densino, the military agent in China, the civil and military officers at Mukden, Harbin and Kirin and the administrator of Newchwang.

The proceedings at the conference are enveloped in profound secrecy. It is popularly supposed that the Russian officials are considering war questions. The foreign commercial officials at Newchwang and Port Arthur believe that the possibility of war is increasing steadily.

The Russian policy is believed to be to hold the present positions in Manchuria, including Newchwang, and to take no steps to avert hostility with Japan if it is assured that Japan will fight unaided. The war feeling among the Japanese in north China is intensifying.

Russian Encroachments.

The Russian civil administrator, with the governor general of Newchwang, has commenced the erection of a government building designed to hold all Russian offices, including the telegraph and telephone departments, in the center of the foreign settlement, partly on land ceded by the Chinese, according to the Russian explanation, and partly on the public square about which the foreign consulates are congregated. The residents of other nationalities are preparing to protest against this encroachment on the public square.

A Russian company has completed the purchase of the river steam tug business heretofore controlled by a British company. This is regarded as an important step toward Russian control of the harbor, as the new company is apparently acting in behalf of the Russian government. Russia having but small commercial interests here. The British company had four boats, and the Russians have imported two more. All six vessels are armed and commanded by Russian officers. The crews are composed of soldiers.

Huntington Property Divided.

San Francisco, July 9.—The property of the C. P. Huntington estate in California has been distributed to the two heirs under the will—namely, the widow, Arabella D. Huntington, and the nephew, Henry E. Huntington. The California property of the estate consisted of real estate in this city, Oakland and Sacramento and in the counties of San Luis Obispo and Los Angeles. Its value is in excess of \$400,000, and the two heirs have divided it equally between them.

Ten Thousand For Worthy Poor.

Chicago, July 9.—Ten thousand dollars is bequeathed to the selection of Chesterton, Mass., by the will of the late Horace P. Taylor, for "the benefit of the worthy poor who have never been public charges and who are disposed to earn their own support so far as they are able to do so." Mr. Taylor, who was for years president of the Oakland National bank of Hyde Park, was a native of Chesterton. He died May 13, and his will has just been filed for probate.

Governess Took the Jewels.

London, July 9.—Miss Williams, a governess, who was arrested in New York and brought back from the United States on the charge of stealing jewelry and furs valued at \$25,000 from her employer, Albert Reitlinger, a stockbroker of London, has been sentenced to a year's penal servitude. The prisoner confessed that she had disposed of \$7,500 worth of the stolen property.

Lover Jumps Into Canal.

Ulster, N. T., July 9.—John Pooler, railroad man of Little Falls, called upon his sweetheart and sat with her in a hammock till nearly midnight. Then he went to the canal, left his hat and coat on the towpath and jumped in. The body was found in the morning. The girl says there was no quarrel between them.

Lebudy Air Ship's Maneuvers.

Mantes-sur-Seine, France, July 9.—M. Lebudy's steerable balloon continues to make daily ascents. In the presence of the scientific committee of the Aero club the balloon was maneuvered over the park for half an hour with complete success in spite of the fact that a strong wind was blowing.

Tower Coming Home.

Southampton, England, July 9.—The North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II., which sailed from here for New York by way of Cherbourg, has among her passengers Charles Tower, the United States ambassador to Germany.

Fourth Class Postmasters.

Washington, July 9.—The following fourth class postmasters have been appointed: New Jersey—Cresskill, Edith L. Dem-



A Most Delicious Dessert

Shredded Whole Wheat Biscuit is made in the most hygienic and scientific food laboratory in the world. The wheat is spun into light shreds, containing thousands of open pores and is not crushed flat and dense as in the case of other foods. These pores absorb the digestive juices and provide far greater surface for their action than is given by any other food.

The following simple "course before coffee" is much in vogue with club men everywhere. The simplicity of preparation and the little cost, together with the delicious taste of the product, make this dessert in rare favor in the home.

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Split and slightly moist the Biscuit, then serve with berries, sliced peaches, bananas or any seasonable fruit. Simple, isn't it? Your verdict will be

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For Shortcake—With sharp knife divide the SHREDDED WHOLE WHEAT BISCUIT lengthwise; prepare pineapple as for sauce (or bananas or mixed fruit) and serve with fruit and hot sugar and whipped cream.

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SEARCH FOR FLOOD VICTIMS.

Twenty Bodies Recovered at Jeannette, Pa., So Far.

Jeannette, Pa., July 9.—The search for bodies of victims of the Oakford park flood is progressing but slowly, and scarcely anything has been done to clear up the wreckage that is scattered for miles from Oakford park down to Manor. This is due to the scarcity of labor and the absence of a duly constituted head for the work. Manager Best of the Western Land and Improvement company has assumed charge and has posted notices asking for several hundred men to assist in clearing the debris. The recovered bodies number twenty, with twenty still missing.

In looking over the valley which was wrecked by the flood it is observable that great damage was done at a score of places. Aside from Oakford park and the business center of Jeannette, the greatest wreck of property was in the low part of Penn Station, a mile west of here. At least fifty families were rendered homeless. They are the laboring people, and their household goods were all destroyed or washed away. No less than ten houses were swept off their foundations.

All the flood stricken people are moving away or have found shelter in the homes of their hilltop neighborhood. Mud and filth were washed into the houses, which will more than likely engender disease without prompt disinfection.

Roland Merrill, treasurer of the relief committee, has issued an appeal for help.

Big Boston Firm Fails.

Boston, July 9.—The Shoe and Leather Mercantile agency of this city has announced the assignment of the large boot and shoe manufacturing firm of Ara Cushman & Co. of 177 Lincoln street, Boston, and Auburn, Me. The assignee is E. S. Paul, a merchant and bank director of Andover. The firm did a business of \$1,250,000 per annum and has liabilities estimated at between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

Kansas' Demand For Labor.

Russell, Kan., July 8.—So great is the demand for harvest hands in this section that laborers are bringing fancy prices by selling their services at auction. Bidding on two ordinary workmen started at \$2.50 and advanced to \$3.21. A negro who guaranteed to stack all the grain one header could cut brought \$6 per day.

IF YOU HAVE PAIN IN YOUR BACK

Do Not Be Deceived. You have Kidney Trouble, and You Do Not Need a Physician to Tell You So.

Pain in the back is an almost infallible sign of kidney disease; a surer sign is the condition of your urine. If you have a pain in the back, then look to the condition of your urine. It is easily done. Take a glass or tumbler and fill it with urine; after it has stood 24 hours, if it has a sediment, if it is milky or cloudy, if it is pale or discolored, stringy orropy, your kidneys and bladder are in a dangerous condition and need immediate attention, or the consequences may prove fatal. Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy is the one medicine that really cures all diseases of the kidneys, liver, bladder and blood, rheumatism, dyspepsia and chronic constipation, and it will take you but a short trial to convince yourself of its wonderful curative power.

G. F. Sammer of No. 400 Tiooga street, Syracuse, N. Y., in a recent letter says:

"I was afflicted for years with severe pains in my back and kidneys. I tried many doctors and many medicines, but got no relief. I bought a bottle of Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy and it has entirely cured me."

It is for sale by all druggists in the New 50 Cent Size and the regular \$1.00 size bottles—less than a cent a dose.

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Dr. David Kennedy's Cherry Balsam best for Colds, Coughs, Consumption. 25c, 50c, \$1.00.

GENERAL ALGER WINS.

Court of Appeals Decides Famous Land Case Against Applicants.

Cincinnati, O., July 9.—The United States circuit court of appeals has dismissed the application for a rehearing of the case of General Russell A. Alger and Louis Keith, the dispute being the sale of coal and timber lands to General Alger at a price which he subsequently found was several times their value. The parties who made the sale obtained from General Alger \$202,258 for the lands on what he claimed, were false representations.

General Alger fought the matter through the federal courts of Tennessee, where the lands are situated, and obtained a judgment rescinding the sale and decreeing the return of the money to him. The lands were then sold by order of the court and General Alger bought them for \$50,000. The court of appeals decided the case in favor of General Alger on an appeal made by the landowners.

QUIET IN EVANSVILLE.

The Rioters Overawed by Presence of State Troops.

Evansville, Ind., July 9.—Not a gun was fired during the night and no street gatherings were seen. At daybreak the bugle calls echoed over the city as the troops were awakened for the day's routine. The soldiers are being fed at the hotels.

Business is partially suspended. All saloons are closed and several factories have shut down.

The first of the victims has been buried. It is believed there will be three other deaths at least, making the total dead twelve or more.

Several gangs of negroes are working on the business streets. They are attending strictly to their work and are not being molested.

Americans Soldiers Leave Cuba.

Washington, July 9.—The secretary of war has ordered the withdrawal from Cuba of four companies of coast artillery, the Eighteenth and Twenty-first, now at Cienfuegos, and the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth, now at Havana, the Eighteenth company to take station at Fort Schuyler, New York; the Twenty-first at Fort Mott, New Jersey, and the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth at Fort McKinley, Maine. This discontinues the present post of Cienfuegos and leaves in Cuba the Seventeenth and Nineteenth companies at Santiago and the Twentieth and Twenty-second at Havana, which latter companies will ultimately garrison the two projected coaling stations at Bahla Honda and Guantanamo.

Editors of the Nation Meet.

Omaha, Neb., July 9.—A programme of music prefaced the first session of the annual conference of the National Editorial association here. President Garry A. Willard called the convention to order and delivered his annual address. He reviewed the work of the year, mentioned the increased membership of the association and congratulated the members on its healthy condition. Committees and topics were then announced and other routine business was transacted, following which papers were read.

Philadelphia Cricketers Victorious.

Manchester, England, July 9.—The Philadelphia cricketers beat the Lancashire eleven by nine wickets. The score was 143 runs for one wicket down in the visitors' second innings. N. Z. Graves was not out for 103 runs. The feature of the match was the brilliant bowling of J. B. King, who took nine wickets for forty-nine runs, clean bowled eight men and three times took two wickets with consecutive balls.

Ed Deleahanty Probably Drowned.

Buffalo, July 9.—A close watch is being kept along the river below the International bridge for the reappearance of the body of a man, now believed to be Ed Deleahanty, the famous baseball player, who fell through the open draw of the bridge last Thursday night.

Dutch Minister Goes Home.

New York, July 9.—Baron Gevers, minister of the Netherlands to the United States, has sailed by the steamer Hyndam for Europe.

Escape From Fort Sheridan.

Chicago, July 9.—Overpowering and gagging their guard and forcing him to march ahead of them for a mile from the headquarters at Fort Sheridan, two prisoners, Privates McLean and McPherson, have made their escape from the post. No trace of them has been found. The two men came recently from the barracks at Columbus, O., where they had received sentences of a year each.


Noted River Captain Dead.

St. Louis, July 9.—Captain Edward T. Herndon, a retired river pilot and captain, is dead, aged seventy-four years. He came here from Sulphur Springs, Greenbrier county, W. Va., where he was born in 1826. Flags on the river steamers were at half mast out of respect to his memory.

Railroad Stations Hobbed.

Schenectady, N. Y., July 9.—Thieves entered the New York Central railroad stations at Crescent and Aqueduct during the night and secured cash sums in both places.

This face cleared off quick by "D. D. D."



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